GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INFILTRATION AND SMUGGLING OF EXPLOSIVES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of borders shared by India with various countries, country-wise;

(b) whether incidents of infiltration and smuggling of explosives and arms have increased on the Indo-Pak and other borders during the last three years;

(c) if so, the number of incidents of infiltration reported during the said period and till date, year-wise and border-wise;

(d) the number of persons infiltrated and quantity of arms and explosives smuggled into India as a result thereof;

(e) the names of the countries to which they belong;

(f) the number of civilians/security personnel killed/injured in terrorist attacks during the said period; and

(g) the steps taken to locate the illegal migrants, prevent their entry and root out terrorism from the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 7 due for answer on 26th February, 2002

(a): The length of land borders shared by India with other countries is as follows:

(i) Bangladesh : 4096 Kms.

(ii) China : 3488 Kms.

(iii) Pakistan : 3343 Kms.

(iv) Nepal : 1751 Kms.

(v) Myanmar : 1643 Kms.

(vi) Bhutan : 699 Kms.

(vii) Afghanistan : 106 Kms.

(b) to (e): As per available reports, there has been an increase in the number of infiltrators detected on the Indo-Bangladesh border. There has, however, been no perceptible increase in infiltration on the Indo-Pak border during the last three years. The details of infiltrators detected on Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh borders is as under :

BORDER	1999	2000	2001
Indo-Pak Border (Excluding LOC)	237	246	221
Indo-Bangladesh border	3554	5014	7417

The security forces have recovered 242 arms and 167.5 Kgs of explosives from the Indo-Pakistan border (excluding LOC in Jammu & Kashmir) during the last three years. The corresponding figures for the Indo-Bangladesh border are 94 arms and 7.9 Kgs of explosives.

Regarding the recovery of arms and explosive materials on LOC in Jammu & Kashmir, the details are as under:

	1999	2000	2001
Arms	1699	1967	2065
Explosives (Kgs)	2182	1798	1009

Although estimates vary, approximately 3000-4000 foreign mercenaries, who have been pushed in by Pakistan, are presently operating in Jammu & Kashmir. The infiltrators belong mainly to Pakistan, Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and Bangladesh.

(f): As per available reports, 2502 civilians and 1288 security personnel were killed in militant/terrorist violence in Jammu & Kashmir during the last three years. The corresponding figures for the North-Eastern States are 2106 civilians and 548 security personnel.

(g): Government has adopted a well-coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants, which includes strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. As a result of coordinated action, several terrorist modules have been neutralized. Also, there are standing instructions to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to detect and deport the illegal migrants from the country.